

Chinese Flowering Plum. Prunus triloba.

"A branch of a very large flowering variety of Chinese flowering plum, found growing in the grounds of the German Legation at Peking. This is much cultivated in the gardens of North China and exists in a great many varieties varying in the colors of the flowers from pale pink to a dark violet-rose. Very great variation is found in size, degrees of doubleness, profusion of bloom, time of opening, and the lasting qualities of the flowers. The Chinese in the north always graft or bud this plum on Amygdalus davidiana." Photo. No. 988, by F. N. Meyer, Peking, China, April 19, 1914. According to W. J. Bean (Trees and Shrubs Hardy in the British Isles) the double form of this species was introduced by Fortune into England and has become very popular there.